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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain; colder in the east portions.

DEFENDED BY ROOSEVELT.

When congress was forced to take up the secret service question again, on account of President Roosevelt's reference to it in his messages, a deliberate and palpable effort was made to obscure the real issue by garbling the President's words and finding in them an occasion for taking offense.

Congress has shown no disposition to remedy matters, but instead has taken further steps to discredit the president's position on the subject. It could hardly have been supposed that the misrepresentations would be allowed to go unnoticed at the White House.

The letter published Monday morning discloses some of the devices to which opponents of the secret service have been compelled to resort.

To make it seem that a great system of espionage is being built up all the men employed in enforcing the pure-food laws and the safety appliance act, as well as internal revenue and postoffice inspectors, in suppressing the liquor traffic among the Indians and in protecting public lands, have been counted as agents of the secret service, and then, to give good measure, the number has been shodded 1000 higher.

The discussion ought to be confined to the actual secret service, which comprises only a few men, trained in the detection of crime. The President has no difficulty in showing that their assistance is needed in nearly every branch of government work and that the use of this service has not been abused.

It is easy to see that by forcing each department to hire its own detectives the general expense is increased. Private agencies must be drawn upon, and competent men are not always secured. The business-like course would be to enlarge Chief Willke's force and to attach it to the department of justice, where it naturally belonged. Then each department might apply to it for men as they were needed.

The conditions that make a central secret service dangerous do not exist in this country. Only criminals need fear the detectives.—Ex.

BIG FIGHT FOR SUFFRAGISTS.

The woman suffrage workers at Olympia are overjoyed at their success in securing the passage of their bill in both branches of the legislature. But the labors of the women who are interested have only commenced. The question will be submitted to the voters at the next state election, and the indications are that it will be decided as in the past.

Washington had woman's suffrage briefly when it was a territory, but it failed to stand the test of the courts, and at the time of the adoption of the state constitution the ballot was denied the fair sex. In 1898 the question was again submitted, and the suffragists were again de-

feated.

The fortunes of the measure in Oregon may be an index of what the suffragists may expect in this State. In 1900 the majority against granting suffrage to Oregon women was 2137. In 1906, when the question was submitted again, this majority rose to 10,173, and in 1908 it was 21,812.

These figures do not indicate progress of the suffragist movement but, together with statistics from other states and with the appearance of organized opposition among the women themselves, bear out the contention of Mrs. Humphry Ward that the movement in the United States is "obviously declining."—Spokesman-Review.

A bill at Olympia proposes to garb all the supreme court judges in lavender gowns. And lavender is such a trying color for some complexions! Another argument for woman suffrage and milliners in the legislature.

The Panama Canal hostiles are singularly short of facts when formally called upon to produce them.

A habit of reading the national constitution at least once a year is a good one even for the commentators.

After a brief experience in statesmanship Oklahoma has exchanged its mighty telescope for an ordinary pair of spectacles.

Uncle Sam is satisfied that there is no trouble of a Tite Barnacle nature connected with the working operations of the big fleet.

Automobile shows constantly increase in popularity. The population of the United States is nearing 100,000,000, all great American travelers.

Mr. Hearst and Mr. Haskell regard each other as politically defunct, and there is something to be said in support of both sides of this controversy.

In the disposition of the United States Navy enough should be left on the New Jersey coast to form a mosquito fleet.

Pushing clouds is a figurative expression, but there is no doubt of King Edward's ability as a lifter of war clouds.

Unless the Pacific States calm down both halves of the navy will be only a moderate allowance for that side of the continent. The first step there should be to get rid of reckless jingo bumpiousness.

The Philippines Insular Government is not so slow. It asks Washington for 18 irrigation engineers. With irrigation and its rainy season, the archipelago ought to be reasonably safe from drought.

When the fleet started around the world Admiral Evans said it was fit for a fight or a frolic, and enough has been proven to satisfy the world that the 16 battleships are thoroughly practical in every respect.

Few persons who ever built a house are surprised to hear that the Panama Canal will cost more than the original estimate.

Mr. Hobson's new lecture is on diplomacy and the fleet. It seems to many citizens that Mr. Hobson knows more about a hotfoot lack of diplomacy.

Governor Hughes has called for a conference on the subject of fighting the brown-tailed moth. His experience in downing the machine microbe will be helpful.

If some thousands of Hindoos and Japanese should drift toward England each month there would be a color line and race line there as quickly as in any country in the world.

Louisiana resents the idea that its people eat varmints. Those who are best acquainted with Creole bills of fare occupy an Oliver Twist position on the subject.

If he retains the office a year longer Secretary of Agriculture Wilson will hold the cabinet record in length of service. In point of valuable work performed his rank will be entirely satisfactory.

TO GUARD CHILDREN.

Chicago Will Make Comprehensive Effort To Protect Her Young.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—South Chicago has launched itself on a crusade for the protection of its children. Ministers, saloonkeepers, business men, priests, attorneys, doctors, and police have mapped out a general line of action and a committee has been appointed to see that the work does not lag. The congregation at night of boys and girls in Nickel theatres, penny arcades, fruit and confectionery stores, and in public parks is considered one of the principal causes of juvenile delinquency and to cure this evil an attempt will be made to enforce curfew hours.

The police will be asked to visit the places every night and personally escort home the children found in them, impressing on their parents their duties in this regard.

RELATED ORDERS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Two discolored letters, containing orders for goods, mailed more than ten years ago by a former salesman in Chicago, have just been received through the mails by the Adchuler Wrapper Company, Waukegan, Ill. From their appearance it is supposed they have been in a mail box all the time. The postal authorities have made no explanation.

TRIED ON WOMEN FIRST.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Federal secret service men are searching for a young man of good "stage presence," who has been operating with counterfeit gold coins. Two women who keep stores have in their possession spurious \$5 gold pieces passed off upon them by the engaging stranger. First purchasing a package of tobacco for five cents, the man paid for it with small change.

He inquired the price of cigarettes and selecting some he paid for them with the gold, apologizing for not having smaller change with him.

The coins were made of some white metal thinly coated with gilt.

MADE MAN BY SCIENCE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Physicians of the Harlem Hospital are watching with interest the experiments which are being made on Harry Needleman a tailor's son, who has been stunted mentally and physically by the removal of the thyroid gland in his neck when he was six months old. Although he now is 26 years old, he is only three feet 8 inches tall and while he has the face of a man his mind is that of a child. Surgeons are now administering daily an extract made from the thyroid gland of a sheep by means of which it is hoped to start again the long retarded development of mind and body. Results so far seem to be good, although the case has not yet progressed to any extent, where any marked change can be noticed. Five grain doses of the extract are given to the patient daily.

Revolts at Cold Steel.

"Your only hope," said three doctors to Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Detroit, Mich., suffering from severe rectal troubles, lies in an operation, "then I used Dr. King's New Life Pills," she writes, "till wholly cured." They prevent Appendicitis, cure Constipation, Headache, 25c at Charles Rogers & Son's drug store.

OBTAIN SOLE RIGHTS TO HIS PRODUCTS

COMPANY FORMED TO DISTRIBUTE LUTHER BURBANK'S DISCOVERIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—In order that his wonderful discoveries may be more generally distributed and incidentally that his work of discovery may not be hampered by business worries, the brains and genius of Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, have been capitalized for several million dollars. The men who have secured the sole right to distribute to the world the marvelous plant discoveries of the Santa Rosa naturalist are Hartland Law, and his brother, Herbert E. Law, two well known millionaires of this city, and Oscar E. Dinner, a wealthy eastern capitalist. There is no limit to the rights which these men have secured except one or two small contracts which Burbank is now fulfilling.

Working alone Burbank has not had time to give the results of all his experiments to the public, but now a systematic effort will be made to distribute both his past and future products to all the world. One of the first things undertaken by the new company will be the fuller development of the spineless cactus, which promises to transform desert wastes into grazing land for cattle. In this connection it is announced that Burbank has developed a cactus capable of producing saccharine matter which will yield both sugar and alcohol.

Like most men of genius, Burbank is decidedly averse to the worries and routine of business affairs and he welcomes the incorporation as the best means of ridding him of this handicap to his experiments.

Luther Burbank when asked regarding the formation of the new company made the following statement:

"It is a fact that Mr. Herbert Law and his brother and Mrs. Oscar E. Dinner have obtained the sole rights to the handling of my products with the exception of a few varieties I have already sold. I am glad to be rid of the business end. It will give me so much more time for the development of more fruits and flowers."

The company will be called "The Luther Burbanks Products Incorporated."

AFTER FIVE YEARS.

Portland Embezzler En Route Home To Answer Old Charge.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26.—D. H. Williams of Bisbee, Ariz., was taken through Los Angeles on his way to Portland, Ore., to answer a charge of embezzlement which is alleged to have been committed five years ago. Sheriff Stevens of Multnomah County is in charge of Williams, who is accused of having stolen \$2000 from the funds of the Leatherworkers Union of Portland.

The arrest of Williams created a sensation in Bisbee. He had enjoyed an enviable business reputation there and had been quite active in political circles.

His record in Bisbee has been clean. Starting out there four years ago, unknown as a workman in the Hughes Harness shop he slowly worked his way upward. At the time of his arrest he was manager of the Mason Vehicle Factory, the largest establishment of its kind in the territory.

Following his arrest Williams was released on \$1500 bonds. Bisbee friends willingly signing the bond. That night he made an ineffectual attempt to get across the border. His bondsmen at once asked to be excused and since then the man has been kept under close guard.

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THE RAILWAY PLEA.

Great Companies To Enlist The Sympathies Of Employees.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad is preparing for circulation among its 38,000 employes a pamphlet containing an address by Vice-President Daniel Willard, of which the key note is a plea that the railroads be given a rest from further anti-railroad legislation.

This, he declared is necessary in order that they may adjust themselves to the conditions imposed by the host of new laws passed within the last two or three years.

Mr. Willard, asserts there are now in Congress or in the Legislatures of the eleven states traversed by the Burlington, 372 proposed laws regulating the railroads and the employes are asked to co-operate with the management by using their influence to oppose such legislation.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Don Gonzalo de Quesada, Cuban minister to the United States, left Washington on Wednesday night for Havana, for a conference with President Gomez of Cuba, it is reported. It is believed there that Mr. Quesada will be transferred to a European post, probably Madrid. It is said that he will be succeeded here by Carlos Garcia Velez, a son of General Calixto Garcia, one of the Cuban revolutionary generals and a former minister to Mexico.

FOOLED BY WAR TALK.

Tokio Artisans Revoke Their Decision Not To Exhibit At Seattle.

TOKIO, Feb. 26.—The Ashikaga, an organization of weavers, have retracted the resolution which they adopted several weeks ago, not to participate in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, to be held at Seattle this Summer. The retraction states: "We desire to retract the resolution not to participate in the Seattle fair on recognizing that we have been misled. We desire to reciprocate the sympathy and good will exhibited by the people of America and particularly of Seattle."

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